



Recycling Christmas Cards at St Columba's

This year we are looking to recycle Christmas cards with a religious theme and turn them in to new Christmas cards for 2022. When the time comes for you to take down, we would ask that you keep the front of the cards and bring them to church. In 2021 the crafters at St Columba's made beautiful Christmas cards to sell at the Outdoor Christmas Market and the piety stall. Thank you in anticipation for your help and support.

Faith and Family

Families are at the heart of what it is to live a life of faith. For most people faith is experienced firstly in the home. We have put together the following links and resources to help you, as family, to bring the faith alive to one another. By clicking the link below you will find some key messages about what the Church thinks about family and the importance it places on your home being a place for faith to grow. There are a number of organisations that seek to inspire, equip and support parents and grandparents in keeping their families in prayer, this includes a variety of resources and tips to help you as you consider your family's faith.



Faith & Family

The 10th World Meeting of Families will take place in Rome, 22-26 June 2022. The theme of this meeting, chosen by Pope Francis, is "Family Love: a vocation and a path to holiness"

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/family-sacraments/growing-together-in-faith-and-prayer-as-a-family/>

Peace Sunday

Sunday, 16th January, is PEACE SUNDAY and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.



The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peace-making? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media.

Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children.

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Baptism - The next session for parents who would like their child baptised will be January 27th 2022 at 6.30pm at St Columba's.

If you are seeking to have your child baptised and are regularly attending Mass, then please ask Fr David for a baptism application form and once filled in and returned he will advise you on how to take the next steps.

To request a baptism for your child you need to come along to Saturday Mass 5.00pm at Our Lady and St Columba, Sunday 10.00am at St Aidan's or St Bernadette's Sunday 11.30am . Please keep yourself informed by regularly looking at our newsletters which are on the website: www.wallsendcatholic.church

If you do not already regularly attend Mass then after doing so for a few weeks, please introduce yourself to Fr David Smith and, if appropriate, you will be given a baptism application form. Once the form is returned you will be given a date to attend for a baptism catechesis session. Once that is completed then you will be offered dates from which you can choose the most suitable for your family. Fr David looks forward to baptising your child and welcoming them in to the community. Thank you!

